GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:35
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2005
MEDICAL VISA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a medical visa for foreigners coming for medical treatment;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether modalities for issue of medical visa have been worked out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 35 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2005 BY SHRI SUGRIB SINGH AND SHRIKISHANBHAI V. PATEL

(a) to (d): Instructions have been issued on 21.06.2005 to all Indian Missions/Posts abroad regarding introduction of a new category of visa called 'Medical Visa' (M-Visa) to the foreigners coming to India for medical treatment in reputed/recognized/specialized hospitals/treatment centres in India.

Indian Mission/Posts abroad, on receipt of such applications from foreigners for issue of Medical Visa, are required to scrutinize the medical documents very carefully and satisfy themselves about the bonafide purpose for which this visa is being requested. The initial period for such a visa has been kept as one year or for the period of treatment which ever is less. The period of such visa can be extended for a further period upto one year by the Foreigners Regional Registration Officers (FRROs)/State Governments on production of medical certificate/advice from the reputed/recognized/ specialized hospitals/medical centres where the treatment is being taken. Any further extension will be granted by the Ministry of Home Affairs only on the recommendations of the State Governments/FRROs supported by appropriate medical documents. A Medical Visa will be valid for three entries during a year. Foreigners coming to India on Medical Visa will be required to register themselves within a period of 14 days from the date of arrival. The Medical Visa has also the provision for grant of visa to the attendants, who are family members (not more than two at a time), co-terminus with the duration of Medical Visa.